

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2  
SECTION: 17.3  
TITLE: ELECTRIC POWERED, CART-TYPE VEHICLES

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**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(d)(ii)

**TRICARE POLICY MANUAL:** Chapter 7, Section 3.3

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

October 1, 1980

### II. POLICY

Benefits may be extended for electric-powered, cart-type vehicles as an alternative to an electric wheelchair.

### III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Benefit determinations must be based on meeting the following criteria.

1. It is determined that the patient cannot, from a medical standpoint, use a standard, non-electric wheelchair.
2. The attending physician has documented that this particular vehicle best meets the patient's medical needs.
3. Claims must be sufficiently documented to confirm that a proper evaluation of the patient's medical and physical condition has been made ascertaining that the patient requires such a vehicle and is capable of handling it safely.
4. Benefits will not be extended for the use of both an electric-powered, cart-type vehicle and an electric wheelchair during the same period of time.

**\*END OF POLICY\***